St. Benedict’s P&F
Minutes

Thursday 5th September, 2013

Welcome
Sonia

School Prayer
Dear Lord, Bless our school that by working together and praying together we may learn to serve you and to serve one another. We ask this through Jesus and Mary. St. Benedict’s pray for us.

Present
Sonia, Shirley, Kirstin, Cassie, AnnMaree, Cristina, Jason, Karen D, Nicola, Jo B, Jackie, Julia, Yvonne, Justine.

Apologies
Barry, Renee, Julia, Ginny, Karen C, Phuong, Jo R,

Minutes from last meeting
Monday 15th August 2013
First Yvonne
Second Kirstin

President’s report
Sonia reported that unfortunately a Prep mother, Catherine, had fallen over outside the school grounds when leaving a school function after dark. She has seriously hurt her knee. The prep mothers have kindly arranged a transport roster to get her son to and from school. Catherine has asked her appreciation be passed on to the parents who have so kindly assisted her.

Jason has spoken to the council. The council will increase the voltage of the street light directly opposite the school gate, provided there is no opposition from street residents. The lighting on the school driveway has been inspected. There is already a sensor light positioned there. Karen checked at night and queries the globes being non functional. She has requested Graeme to change these. An electrician has been employed to add another light outside school hall which the school will pay for.

Sonia thanked all who assisted with the Father’s Day breakfast which was a huge success. Thank you especially to Yvonne for being such a wonderful breakfast yet again. The Father’s day stall was a wonderful success with all father’s rapt with their gifts. A big thank you to Jo and Nicola for organizing this.

A Grants website has been sourced, which offers 2,500 grants to apply for. It costs $85.00 to subscribe. As it is difficult to determine if this is a good resource, Lorraine has offered that the school pays this subscription for the initial 12 months. There is an extra expense of $35.00 for a book to assist with “how to write a proposal”. If this is required it will be discussed with P&F in the future.

Principals Report
No report. Karen D advised that Barry is enjoying his long service leave.

Treasurers Report
Report attached.

Christina reported the P&F broke even on the Father’s day stall. Currently $21,000 in P&F account as money for hall chairs has not been transferred as yet.

**Tuckshop Report**

In response to discussion at previous meeting, Jo/Jackie provided an update on tuck shop activity. The update showed the Tuckshop is currently running as per usual profits.

Jo noted that the school usually pays for the costs of St. Benedict’s day which has not occurred this year. Tuckshop will incur the cost of this day this year.

**Uniform Shop**

No report. It was noted orders for Grade 6 tops went home today with notification of prices. The children will decide design soon.

Karen D reported that Karen C has organised two nights after school for parents of Prep 2014 to organise uniform orders.

**Maintenance**

No report.

Karen D has organised blinds for tuckshop. The order will take 6-8 weeks to be delivered.

**Social & Fundraising**

**Election Day Fund Raising – 7 September 2013**

“The theme will be “St Benedict’s Election Day Promises”!

**Dutch Pancakes**

Thank you for lemon donations.
There has been a successful practice of making the pancakes over the weekend and all feel confident for the Election Day.

Items required were sourced from Kosko

Thanks to Jason M for transporting BBQ to school.

**Kids Styling Stall**

Yvonne approached Sienna for students who would like to assist with the stalls, who may be requiring Community service hours. Sienna is unable to provide this assistance due to safety issues. Past students have volunteered their help of their own accord.

Many thanks to Justine, for organizing this stall and to all parents who have kindly donated hair spray, nail polish and tattoos.

Cathy N has kindly donated towels and wraps for the day.

**Craft and Books**

The books have been collected by Jason M.

A white board is required for the book stall.

Price the craft and books (low) to promote sales.

**Miscellaneous**

The display boards from First National did not eventuate due to short time period. Yvonne has put advertising on board outside Benedict House.

Election Day sausage sizzle has been registered on the Sausage Sizzle Website/Registry.
A big thanks to Brendan, Jack and Cassie for the mail drop and printing of flyers. Nicola will contact 3AW, re St. Benedicts stalls, as they are broadcasting from Penfolds Burwood all Saturday. Each stall will have $100 float. Thanks to Cristina for organizing this. Money must only be handed over to AnnMaree. All receipts must have names on them to assist Cristina in paying them to the correct person. AnnMaree will get ice in the morning. Gary will provide tagged extension cords. The Street Traders paperwork has been approved. Shirley expressed a very big thank you to Annmaree and all the class reps for all their hard work in organizing this day.

**Art Show**

The Art Show has been rescheduled to 17 October. This is due to Election Day Stalls and Fathers Day Breakfast being so close to the original date in September. Thanks to Erika for her flexibility in swapping this date. The format has not yet been finalized. Sausages will be provided for the children. Parents will supply their own drinks and nibbles. There will be an auction item for each class. Grandparents day is the day after the art show, October 18th.

**General Business**

A school app is currently being developed.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 10\(^{th}\) October
St. Benedicts Staff Room, 8pm